

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date / / **Held Until** / /
Agenda Item No: _____ **Agenda Item No:** _____

Department: County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

() **4/5 Vote Required**

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Board Date:
04/21/09

Deadline for Board Action:
04/21/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Program

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Authorize the County Clerk/ Recorder/Assessor to sign an agreement accepting Help America Vote Act (HAVA) EAID Program reimbursement funds up to the maximum amount available (\$55,893.64).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD

Estimated Cost \$ 55,893.64

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$ 55,893.64

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp. \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$ 0.00

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required): Grant funds are already appropriated in the current year budget. The contract is replacing an expired agreement.

Prior Board Action(s):

11/27/07: Resolution 07-0947 authorizing agreement to accept HAVA funds.

09/27/05: Resolution 05-0850 authorizing agreement to accept HAVA funds; Resolution 05-0851 approving budgetary adjustments.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

The department would not take advantage of reimbursement funding made available to California counties to make polling places accessible and to provide equal opportunity for access and participation to individuals with disabilities.

Background:

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) passed by Congress in 2002 contains various provisions to establish minimum election administration standards and improve the administration of elections. The HAVA Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (EAID) Section 261 Program authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services to pay states and local governments to assure access for individuals with disabilities.

EAID Program funds will be utilized to improve the accessibility of polling locations, provide equal opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) to individuals with the full range of disabilities, provide accessibility training for election officials, poll workers and volunteers, and to provide individuals with information about the accessibility of polling places. During the term of this agreement (upon approval by State Dept. of General Services through May 31, 2010) the Registrar of Voters will use program funds for the above purposes and the general uses and items specifically approved for reimbursement outlined in Exhibit A of the state's standard agreement.

The California Secretary of State has defined the HAVA EAID Section 261 Program as a reimbursement program with funding awarded to counties based upon the Proposition 41 Voting Modernization allocation formula. Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Sonoma County is eligible to be reimbursed up to \$55,893.64 for allowable costs and activities, which is the balance remaining from the original agreement approved in September 2005. There is no required local match for receipt of the funds, nor is there any maintenance of effort requirement.

Recommendations:

1. Authorize the County Clerk/ Recorder/Assessor to sign an agreement accepting Help America Vote Act (HAVA) EAID Program reimbursement funds up to the maximum amount available (\$55,893.64).

Attachments: Resolution authorizing acceptance of program funds.

On File With Clerk: State of California Agreement Number 08G26118

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

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